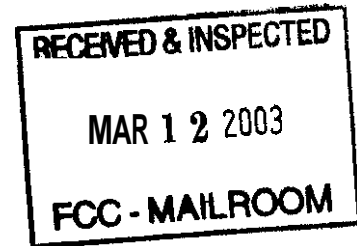


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Re: Application ~~of~~ EchoStar Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation, Transferor; and EchoStar Communications Corporation, Transferee (the Applicants),
For Authority to Transfer Control;
CS Docket Number 01-348

Dear Messrs. Epstein and Michalopoulos:

This is to certify that all Confidential and Highly Confidential information obtained by me during the course of my representation of the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) in the above-captioned proceeding has been destroyed as required by the associated Protective Orders (**Protective Orders**).¹ Destruction of documents concluded on March 6, 2003. I appreciate your graciousness in affording me additional time to destroy the documents and provide this certification, pursuant to your discussions with Steve Coran, counsel to NRTC.

Per the **Protective Orders**, I ~~am~~ retaining one paper copy of the following documents: (1) the unredacted ~~Ex~~ Parte Comments filed with the FCC by NRTC on September 4, 2002; and (2) the unredacted Hearing Designation Order.²


¹ *In the Matter of EchoStar Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation, and Hughes Electronics Corporation*, CS Docket No. 01-348 (DA 02-27, released January 9, 2002; DA 02-964, released April 25, 2002).

² *Hearing Designation Order, Application ~~of~~ EchoStar Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation, Transferor; and EchoStar Communications Corporation, Transferee, For Authority to Transfer Control, File Number 01-348*, FCC 02-284 (released October 18, 2002).

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Please contact me if there are any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul W. MacAvoy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Paul W. MacAvoy

cc: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission

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